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STOBO BAILEY FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Will be Executed April
Twenty-Eighth

TWO MARTINS WERE CLEARED

A Large Number of Cases Tried and
Only in One Case were the Defend-
ants Found Not Guilty. Court Ad-
journed Saturday Morning.

The court of general sessions ad-
journed sine die Saturday after hav-
ing a busy week in which fifteen cases
were tried and fourteen convictions re-
sulted.

Stobo Bailey, charged with the mur-
der of the Barksdale woman in Youngs
township several weeks ago when such
accommodation was created among the
negro population, was tried the lat-
ter part of the week, found guilty and
sentenced to the electric chair on
Friday, April 28th.

The case of Will Martin, principal
and John Martin, accessory, on the
charge of the murder of John K. Mc-
Pherson near Waterloo last July, was
completed Wednesday morning when
the jury returned a verdict of not
guilty. It will be remembered that the
McPherson family and the Martins
fell out over an alleged improper re-
mark to Miss Sue McPherson, a daugh-
ter of the deceased, by John Martin, an
uncle of Will Martin. John McPherson
accused Will Martin about the
matter in front of the Martin house
and a passage of words followed. John
Martin denied that he had used im-
proper language to the little girl and
the lie followed. John McPherson drew
a knife and Will Martin interceded
in behalf of his uncle, drawing his pistol.
Will Martin claimed that he replaced
his pistol in his pocket and did not
pull it again until John McPherson
again advanced upon John Martin with
his open knife. He said that he shot
first at the ground to brighten McPherson
and then at his leg to cripple him.
After this the Martins left. They de-
nied testimony to the effect that Will
Martin had made threats against John
McPherson. John McPherson died as
a result of the wounds several days
after the shooting.

The following is a list of cases tried:
Stobo Bailey, murder, guilty, sen-
tenced to be executed April 28th;
Frank Bailey, assault and battery,
with attempt to kill, guilty, three
years;

Ace Bolt, murder, guilty of man-
slaughter, 7 years;

Clarence Dorroh, house breaking and
larceny, guilty, 5 years;

Wright Fuller and Clarence Smith,
assault and battery with intent to kill,
guilty, 1 year and \$125 fine, suspended
on payment of the fine;

Coleman Hunter, house-breaking
and larceny, guilty, 1 year;

John Jones, larceny, 1 year;

W. G. and John Martin, murder, not
guilty;

Sam McGowan, assault and battery,
guilty, \$50 fine;

Johnson McNeill, house-breaking
and larceny, 1 year;

Andrew McClintock, same, 2 years
in the state reformatory;

Gorman Todd, forgery, guilty, three
years;

John Woody, house-breaking and
larceny, three counts, guilty, 2 years
on each count.

Naturalization papers were granted
to Hyman Cohen, of Clinton, a former
subject of the Czar of Russia.

Final Presentment of the Grand Jury. To the Presiding Judge:

We have passed on all bills handed
us by the solicitor.

We have been informed by the
supervisor that the recommendations
of last grand jury in reference to pub-
lic road from Lanford Station to Bur-
dette's will be considered by the com-
missioners and carried out as far as
practical. That it is impossible to
carry out former recommendations in
reference to improving jail property on
account of failure of the general as-
sembly to make the necessary provi-
sions therefor. We earnestly recom-
mend that provision be made by the
general assembly for the carrying out
of these recommendations to the end
that a safe and sanitary jail building
be provided for the county.

The county board of commissioners
have submitted their report and same

M'LAURIN WIRES FROM NEW YORK

McMaster Also in Conference There.
Working in Harmony.

Columbia, March 20.—Yesterday
the following was issued from the office
of John L. McLaurin, State warehouse
commissioner:

"After consultation by wire with
Gov. Manning, who is in Florida, Sen-
ator McLaurin went to New York
Friday night to confer with promi-
nent insurance men in response to a
wire from them to Senator McLaurin,
which seems to hold out some promise
of a satisfactory adjustment of the in-
surance situation in this State.

"Advices received from New York
today are to the effect that Senator
McLaurin was in a conference Sat-
urday night, which was also attended by
Insurance Commissioner McMaster,
and that there is not the slightest fric-
tion between Commissioners McLau-
rin and McMaster, but on the contrary
they are working in harmony. Com-
missioner McLaurin will advise fur-
ther with Gov. Manning upon the return
of the governor to the city."

Gov. Manning will likely return
Wednesday.—The State.

S. D. PUCKETTE DEAD.

Aged Citizen of Waterloo Died in a
Columbia Hospital.

Samuel D. Puckette, an aged citizen
of Waterloo, died in a Columbia hos-
pital last Friday after a long illness.
The body was carried to Waterloo the
following day where it was interred
in the Methodist cemetery, a large
number of friends and relatives gather-
ing to pay him a last tribute.

The late Mr. Puckette was 72 years
of age last week. He was born March
12, 1842, in the Waterloo community
and he spent his entire life there.
He was a steward and a former Sun-
day school superintendent of the
Bethlehem Methodist church of Water-
loo.

Mr. Puckette is survived by his wife,
who was Miss Wharton, sister of W.
B. Wharton, superintendent of Ep-
worth orphanage, and Mrs. Wharton
is the late Mr. Puckette's sister. Mr.
Puckette is also survived by a daugh-
ter, Mrs. Mamie Smith of Greenwood,
and a son, Whitfield Puckette of Wa-
terloo. Mr. Puckette was a Confed-
erate veteran, having fought in the
War Between the Sections as a mem-
ber of Company A, Third battalion,
South Carolina.

ARMSTRONG WON FIRST

And Thompson Second in Prize Drill
by the City School.

Frank Armstrong, better known as
"Boo", won the first prize in the com-
petitive drill among the soldiers in
the City School companies yesterday
afternoon. The second prize was won
by Private Charles Thompson. The
drill was pulled off on the square and
a large crowd was on hand to watch
the fine spectacle. The youngsters han-
dled themselves and the big guns in
excellent form and received many com-
pliments from the onlookers. In addi-
tion to the competitive drill in the
Manual of Arms, the company execut-
ed many close order movements, in
which they also showed fine training.

Christian Endeavor Meeting.

The Christian Endeavor meeting will
be held Sunday evening March 26, 1916
at 7 o'clock at the First Presbyterian
church. The leader will be W. R. Mc-
Cuen. All are invited to be present
regardless of denomination.

will receive our careful consideration.

We would ask that the sheriff and
other peace officers of the county en-
force the law in reference to cruelty
to animals.

The following committees have been
appointed:

On public schools: W. J. Fleming, J.
H. Culbertson, W. E. Griffin, and A. L.
Nabors.

On public roads and bridges: M. W.
Gray, W. E. Pitts, E. A. Adams, E. F.
Fincher and W. S. Hatton.

On county officers: J. H. Nance, J.
B. Owings, and J. Walter Moore.

On public buildings: R. B. Childress,
T. J. Copeland and H. Nickles.

On county home and county chain-
gang: G. C. Young, J. H. Nesbitt and
J. E. Campbell.

We wish to thank the presiding
judge, court officials, and county au-
thorities for the uniform courtesy and
consideration shown us. The aid ex-
tended us has rendered the onerous
duties of the jury less burdensome
than ordinary.

J. H. Nance,
Foreman.

March 16, 1916.

LETTERS OF COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Interesting Items Told by Correspondents in all Sections
of the County. Marriages, Deaths and
Things of Interest

Tylersville, March 20.—Rev. H. L.
Baggott of Gray Court filled his regular
appointment at Langston Sunday
morning.

Mr. W. B. Clark of Greenwood vis-
ited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Mabel Blume spent the week-
end in Ware Shoals with her brother.

Mrs. Annie Nabors of Ora spent the
week-end with her sister, Mrs. Fur-
man Poole.

Mrs. M. O. Clark and daughter, Miss
Lila were in Clinton shopping Sat-
urday.

Mr. Hugh Donnan of Clinton spent
Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
J. W. Donnan.

Mr. J. S. Craig spent Sunday in Ora.
Mrs. J. W. Peterson and daughter,
Miss Mattie Belle, spent Sunday with
Mrs. Joe Prior.

Miss Nene Taylor of the Pea Ridge
section is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P.
Poole.

Mr. George Clardy from near Clin-
ton spent Sunday in this community.

Mr. J. W. Donnan was a business
visitor in Laurens Friday.

Mr. Joshua Craig Poole spent Sun-
day with Mr. J. F. Poole.

Rev. Lamar of Cross Anchor will
preach at Langston church on Sunday
night, April 2, at 7:30 o'clock.

Cold Point, March 20.—The weather
is favorable now after several days of
cold and rain, and the farmers of this
neighborhood are busy again.

Our Sunday school is progressing.
We have a good attendance.

Miss Irene McDaniel attended the
Teachers' meeting in Columbia.

Mr. Clifton Madden and wife, of
Greenwood, are on a visit to relatives.
Miss Ethel McDaniel visited rela-
tives in Waterloo Sunday.

Mr. Tom Wells, of near Cross Hill,
visited in this community Saturday
and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Duncan visited at
Mrs. Duncan's former home, Jones-
ville, several days last week.

Mr. Eugene Madden, of Barksdale,
was a visitor here Saturday and Sun-
day.

Miss Louise Hunter spent several
days with her aunt, Mrs. Emma Leake.
Rev. Covington was a pleasant vis-
itor in this community Thursday.

Mr. O. C. Duncan has been sick sev-
eral days. Dr. Fennell of Waterloo,
was called in Saturday and Sunday to
see him.

Mr. Albert Duncan was the guest of
homefolks Sunday night.

Mrs. Owings and daughter, Mrs.
Clarence McKinney, of Laurens, vis-
ited at Mrs. O. C. Duncan's Sunday.

Mr. Jones Cunningham visited rela-
tives Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickles, of Waterloo,
visited in this community Saturday.

Mr. Guy E. Moore, who has been
aiding in building a school house in
The York for several weeks, has re-
turned home to work on his farm.

Lanford, March 20.—The play Friday
night was quite a success. A nice
sum was raised which will go to school
improvements.

The preliminary to the county con-
test was held Monday afternoon. All
the children did well. Misses Estell
Nelson and Victor Fleming will rep-
resent the primary grades; Miss Janie
Cox and Master John Melmoth Flem-
ing will represent the intermediate
grades. The county contest will be
held Saturday. The oratorical contest
will be held Friday night.

Misses Nell and Nita Ferguson spent
Sunday with Miss Carrie Lou Higgins.
Miss Grace Brockman spent the
week-end with the Misses Cooper.

Misses Fannie Harmon and Minnie
Lanford dined with Mrs. J. W. Johnson
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randals, of Hen-
dersonville, N. C., spent Sunday with
Mrs. Randals' parents here, Mr. and
Mrs. H. M. Johnson. They made the
trip in four hours by motorcycle.

Mrs. Lewis Anderson and children
spent the week-end at W. H. Drum-
mond's.

Mr. E. H. Moore is able to be out
again.

Capt. W. H. Drummond was in Lau-
rens Monday.

Mr. Dugar Martin was in Lanford
a few hours Saturday.

Capt. J. W. Lanford was in Woodruff
Monday on business.

Miss Lottie Deshields spent Friday
night with Miss Grace Deshields.

Mr. Talmage Patterson is sick at
this writing.

Mrs. Harney is visiting at H. M.
Johnson's.

Mr. Eugene Cox spent the week-end
with his parents.

Little Miss Lenora Patterson spent
Monday night at Ora with her aunt,
Mrs. Neighbors.

Miss Lona Poole spent Friday night
with Miss Robin Patterson.

Cross Hill, March 20.—Rev. J. A.
Martin preached his last sermon to
the Cross Hill Baptist church Sunday
afternoon. At the close of the ser-
vice he gave his congregation a few
parting words, after which his resig-
nation was accepted and a committee
appointed to find and secure his suc-
cessor. The following resolutions
were ordered published in the Baptist
Courier and the county papers:

Resolved, That we the members of
Cross Hill Baptist church, deeply sen-
sible and appreciative of so worthy a
life among us, and recognizing the
value of his faithful service, regret
very much that the ties which have
so long and pleasantly bound us to-
gether as church and pastor must
now be severed, and that we shall no
longer enjoy the restraining influence
and the wholesome impress of Bro.
Martin's consecrated Christian life in
our midst.

That we hereby express our heart-
felt appreciation of his faithful work
here and the high esteem, confidence,
and love in which he is, and will ever
be, held among us.

That in submitting to this separa-
tion, which we believe to be providen-
tially directed, we do so with the
consciousness of our own loss as well
as that of the entire community.

Mr. B. A. Wharton has received
from a number of his friends over the
county appeals, urging him to make
the race for sheriff. He has the mat-
ter under serious consideration and
will make known his decision in due
time. If he should enter the race he
will make it lively for somebody.

Miss Sarah Dwight and Mr. W. P.
Culbertson of the Cross Hill school at-
tended the State Teachers' Associa-
tion at Columbia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin, Mrs.
Othella Richardson and Mr. J. E.
Griffin who have been quite sick with
grippe are all reported improving.

Mr. J. C. Hill who has been sick for
several months is still unimproved.

Dials, March 20.—The Ladies Aid
society met with Mrs. Sam Curry on
last Tuesday afternoon. With the
disposal of the routine business, the
afternoon passed all too soon in pleas-
ant social intercourse.

Mr. Williams Brooks spent last
week in Rock Hill, where he was in
attendance as juror, in the federal
court now in session in that city.

Miss Fannie Brownlee has returned
from a recent visit in Laurens, where
she was the guest of Miss Emma
Dial.

Mr. Ed. McCall and family of Wil-
liamston, were recent visitors of Mrs.
Alex McCall and family.

Mr. J. R. Brownlee and mother,
spent Sunday with Mr. W. S. Bolt and
family of Hickory Tavern.

Quite a number from here attended
the play at Green Pond Saturday ev-
ening. They report it well worth the
small admission fee charged.

Misses Annie Wright and Eula
Winn attended the State Teachers'
meeting in Columbia last week while
in the "Capital City" they were
guests of relatives of Miss Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brooks, of Gray
Court, Mr. C. F. Brooks and Mr. and
Mrs. B. A. Sullivan, of Laurens, spent
the week-end with their mother, who
was seized with a sudden attack of ill-
ness Saturday. Her many friends
wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. D. D. Harris and Miss Emma
Harris were the spend-the-day guests
of Mr. Willie Harris and family Sat-
urday.

Mrs. Robert Owings and children,
of Fountain Inn, were the week-end
visitors of Mrs. H. Y. Simmons and
family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harris and chil-
dren visited at the home of Mr. J. Har-
rison (Continued on Page Ten)

METHODIST MEETING CLOSED.

Many Conversions of Faith and Ad-
ditions to the Churches Resulted.

The revival services which began in
the First Methodist church March 5th
came to a close Friday night. The
services were conducted by Bishop
John C. Kilgo, who is now making his
home in Charlotte, N. C. The serv-
ices were largely attended. Many con-
versions of faith were made and a
quickening of spiritual life in the
church and community evidenced it-
self as a result of the powerful plead-
came to a close Friday night. The
preaching of the bishop had a pecu-
liar appeal in Laurens, as he was born
in this place and spent part of his
childhood here. Naturally the sensi-
bilities of his hearers were the earlier
touched and influence by him.

The attractiveness of the services
were greatly enhanced by the singing,
which was led by Rev. Tillman A.
Shealy, now pastor of the Methodist
church at Ridgeway. Mr. Shealy had
a clear and melodious voice and was
able to awaken a great deal of inter-
est in the song services. Mr. Shealy
also met a large number of citizens
on the streets and made many friends
by his affable and kindly manner.

DUPONTS TO BUILD NEW POWDER PLANT

Land Near Historic Yorktown, Va.,
Jumps 600 Per Cent. in Value as all
Available Lots are Bought.

Wilmington, Del., March 17.—An-
nouncement was made today of the
acquisition by the duPont Powder Co.
of a site for a new dynamite plant of
moderate capacity on the York river,
nearly Yorktown, Va. This site com-
prises about 3,000 acres a few miles
northwest of Yorktown.

The new plant, it is said, will in no
sense be another Hopewell, as it will
not have to do with the hurry-up work
of munitions making.

Fords Going Fast.

W. C. Waldrop, manager of the Craig
Auto Company, agents for the Ford
cars, states that the Ford sales are
moving right along. Last Wednesday,
he said, his company received a car-
load of machines and before Saturday
night they had all been sold. Inciden-
tally he stated that the Ford factory
being built near Detroit for the mak-
ing of farm tractors is being rushed to
completion.

TO WOFFORD ALUMNAE.

Plans are Being Made to Form a Lau-
rens County Alumnae Association.

Preliminary plans are being made
to form a Wofford Alumnae Associa-
tion of Laurens County and in order
to get in touch with all former stu-
dents, the Advertiser has been re-
quested to publish the following notice:

"All graduates or former students
of Wofford College are requested to
send their name and postoffice address
to Edwin F. Lucas, Laurens, S. C. An
effort is being made to organize a
Wofford Alumni Association of Lau-
rens county. All Laurens county men
can help by complying with the above
request at the earliest possible mo-
ment."

Invents Shower Bath.

Mr. L. S. Bolt, of this city, has made
application for a patent on an im-
proved shower bath intended for use
in the country, where water systems
are not available. Mr. Bolt feels very
much encouraged over the prospect
of securing the patent and placing it
on the market.

F. P. McGowan Returns

F. P. McGowan, Esq., who presided
as special judge over the court at Wal-
terboro last week, returned home Sat-
urday. According to the newspaper
reports, Judge McGowan made a very
capable and impartial presiding judge,
the attorneys at the bar drawing up
resolutions of thanks and commenda-
tion for his able work.

Jailed for Wife Beating.

Ralph Martin, a young man well
connected in the upper part of the
county, was placed in the county jail
Friday charged with wife-beating. The
two had been married but a short time.

Graduate in Pharmacy.

Mr. Samuel D. Bolt, of the Gray
Court Drug Company, was among the
applicants granted licenses to practice
pharmacy in this state when the
board of examiners met in Columbia
last week. Mr. Bolt is a son of Mr.
and Mrs. L. S. Bolt, of this city.

OWINGS NOMINATED MAYOR OF THE CITY

Defeated C. M. Babb by 41
Votes

RESULT IN DOUBT TO THE LAST

Three New Aldermen are Elected. No
Need for a Second Primary. General
Election on Officers and Articles of
Incorporation April 11th.

J. Calvin Owings defeated former
Mayor C. M. Babb in the primary for
nominating officers for the proposed
new city government. The vote stood
307 for Owings to 266 for Babb, a ma-
jority of 41 being shown for Owings.
Mr. Owings will assume the mayor's
to go immediately after the city
receives articles of incorporation fol-
lowing the general election April 11th.

Three new aldermen were elected, J.
D. Watts in Ward 1, R. T. Dunlap in
Ward 4 and Clyde Fowler in Ward 5.
S. Boyd Sexton, generally considered
an administration candidate, was re-
elected in Ward 2. J. J. Adams, un-
derstood to be an anti-administration
man, was re-elected in Ward 6. Hel-
lams, in Ward 3, held aloof largely
and was not slated definitely with
either side. The three new aldermen
were supposed to be against the pol-
icies of the past administration and in
sympathy with the policies of the suc-
cessful candidate for mayor.

There being but two candidates for
each office, no second primary will be
necessary. The general election for
officers and articles of incorporation
will be held April 11th. Registration
books for that election are now open.

The following is a tabulation of the
votes cast yesterday:

For Mayor.	
Babb	Owings
Ward 1	29 30
Ward 2	29 28
Ward 3	101 79
Ward 4	32 52
Ward 5	52 77
Ward 6	23 41
Total	266 307

For Aldermen.

WARD ONE.

Watts 36 || Gasque | 23 |

WARD TWO

Simpson 25 || Sexton | 32 |

WARD THREE

Hellams 180 |

WARD FOUR

Dunlap 55 || Switzer | 27 |

WARD FIVE

Fowler 85 || Franks | 43 |

WARD SIX.

Adams 40 || Hiers | 23 |

DEATH OF MR. DECATUR MADDEN.

We'd Known Resident of Mt. Olive
Section Passes Away.

Mr. Decatur Madden, a resident of
the Mt. Olive section of this county
and a man well-known and highly
respected over the county, passed away
at his home last Saturday at the age
of 78 years. The funeral services
were held Sunday in the Mt. Olive
cemetery, the Rev. J. O. Martin con-
ducting the services. Mr. Madden is
survived by his wife and three sons,
Mr. Walter Madden of Greenwood,
Messrs Irwin and James Madden of
this county. These with a host of other
relatives and hundreds of friends
are left to mourn his departure. He
was a man of many fine traits, hon-
ored and respected by his neighbors
and with many friends wherever
known.

Dr. Reid Smith to Lecture.

Dr. Reid Smith, of the University
of South Carolina, will deliver a lec-
ture under the auspices of the "Better
Laurens Club" Friday evening at the
graded school auditorium. His topic
has not been announced. After the lec-
ture school pupils will give a little
play entitled "Friends and Foes to
Civics". No admission will be charged
to either. Dr. Smith will not arrive in
the city until after eight o'clock, so
the lecture will begin at 8:30 o'clock.